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1. Professor Maas (fnu), Director of the Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften (German Academy of Sciences) (DADW) in East Berlin was replaced by Professor Wittbrodt (fnu) about 23 April 1953 and succeeded Professor Maas (fnu) in the Mathematical Institute of the Academy.

2. It was announced in a meeting of the executive board of the Academy held on 16 April 1953, that the 1954 budget of the Academy had been reduced from 10,000,000 to 10,000,000 eastmarks in connection with economy measures decreed in East Germany.

3. At a meeting of the executive board held on 25 April 1953, it was announced that a special government order had been given to the Geodetic Institute in Potsdam. This order concerned Laplace points as used in triangulation; methods for measuring distances; gaging of geodetic measuring instruments; determination of constants for measuring world gravity; levelling; and photogrammetry. A working staff of 12 graduate engineers or physicists, aged between 25 and 35, was needed for this work, which was scheduled to be supervised by a committee headed by Professor Erst (fnu). The work was to be financed by special funds of the State Secretariat for Interior Affairs of the Ministry of the Interior in East Berlin.

4. During April 1953, the Academy established departments in physics, chemistry, hygiene, and gynecology. Attached to these departments were commissions which were to include a large number of experts. Professor Dr. Robert Rompe was scheduled to become head of the physics commission. He was made a full (ordentlich) member of the Technical Division of the Academy on 19 February 1953.

Comment. The "Jahrbuch der Deutschen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin" for 1950/1951 does not list Professor Dr. Robert Rompe as a member. This agrees with the present report, according to which Professor Rompe was not made a member of the Akademie der Wissenschaften before 19 February 1953.

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